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PERSONNEL, ONLY THE POSITION OF HEAD OF STATE BEING INVOLVED. AM REINFORCED IN MY BELIEF THAT NORTH VIETNAM FORCES ARE COMMITTING ANGRY AGGRESSION IN CAMBODIA AS BLATANT AS GERMANY IN BELGIUM IN 1914 AND 1940 AND SHOULD BE RESISTED. SUGGEST THAT YOU DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THIS FACT BY RESOLUTION AND THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO GUARANTEE THE NEUTRALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CAMBODIA BY UNITED NATIONS ACTION. CAN THINK OF NO REASON WHY CAMBODIANS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ARMS SINCE 50 PERCENT OF THE CAMBODIAN ARMY HAS NONE. SUGGEST WE SUPPORT POLICY OF ONE MAN, ONE GUN, PLUS COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT. MELBOURNE SUN'S ITEM HEADLINED "LEFT-WINGER ROCKS ALP - BRYANT SAYS ARM THE CAMBODIANS" ALSO CARRIED TELEGRAM TEXT AND WRITER LAURIE OAKES SAID "MEMBERS OF THE VICTORIAN ALP EXECUTIVE ARE EXPECTED TO BE PARTICULARLY IRATE AT THE TELEGRAM...BRYANT WAS LEADING LIGHT IN VIETNAM MORATORIUM LED BY LABOUR MHR DR. CAIRNS, IN MAY". CAIRNS ALSO CAUSED SURPRISE LAST NIGHT WHEN, QUESTIONED ON BRYANT'S TELEGRAM HE SAID: "I THINK THE CASE FOR ARMS HELP FOR LON NOL IS CERTAINLY AN ACCEPTABLE CASE."

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